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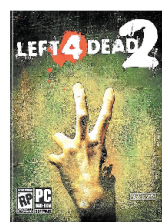
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Each year, RedEye brings its readers unusual, cool and, hopefully, smart gift ideas. This year we decided to ask the experts. And because tech gifts always are hot, we talked to G4 network hosts Kevin Pereira ("Attack of the Show") and Morgan Webb and Adam Sessler ("X-Play") about the hottest tech and video game gift ideas. We also asked RedEye's columnists to offer up ideas from their own areas of expertise. But please, please don't buy Scott Kleinberg anything on his list. We're doing this for our readers, not our writers! **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

VIDEO GAMES



'Left 4 Dead 2'

\$59 XB360/PS3/PC

With its four-player experience, Left 4 Dead 2 does a great job of letting gamers experience the incredibly satisfying feeling of slaying zombies like Woody Harrelson did in "Zombieland."

» Ryan Smith and the G4 team know what's hot in video games.

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FASHION



Frugal Fashionista Joanna Gustafson says stylish gift-giving is in.

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IGIFTS



iPhone know-it-all Scott Kleinberg knows what he wants for Christmas.

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GEEKS



It Came From Berwyn T-Shirt

\$20 at Svengoolie Store, wciu.com/svengoolie

This kitschy bit of fashion features local broadcasting legend Rich Koz as his alter-ego Svengoolie.

» Geek To Me columnist Elliott Serrano gets the geeks ready for gift giving.

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GREEN GIFTS



"EcoBeauty: Scrubs, Rubs, Masks, and Bath Bombs for You and Your Friends"

\$13.57 at amazon.com

The DIY beauty products in this book are simple and make practical, homemade presents for everyone you know.

» Practically Green columnist Supriya Doshi has more green ideas.

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MUSIC

Music lessons

\$5-\$160 for workshops, lessons at Old Town School of Music, 4544 N. Lincoln, 773-728-6000 or oldtownschool.org

For the friend who always says "I could do that," put your money where their mouth is. The Old Town School of Folk Music offers classes in everything from guitar to accordion.

» Check out more music-related ideas from RedEye special contributor Kent Green.

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SPORTS

Drive a stock car

\$379 for eight laps at Chicagoland Speedway, at Cloud9Living.com

This ultimate experiential gift for racing fans offers to teach you in the ways of NASCAR and then lets you strap in to a 500 horsepower Sprint Cup-style stock car and roar around Chicagoland Speedway at 140 miles per hour.

» Special contributor and sports fan Ryan Smith offers more ideas.

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Correction Notice



On page 11 of the Friday, November 27– Saturday, November 28 ad insert we advertised 40% off a SAMSUNG 26.0 cu. ft. LED French Door refrigerator (SKU: 9510004) for \$1399.99 after \$1000 savings.

The savings is no longer 40% and the correct price is \$1699.99 after \$700 savings.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

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TECH CRAZE

Man has gadget fever, and we have the cure with the hottest items

By Ryan Smith | FOR REDEYE

It's been at least a few hundred thousand years since man discovered fire, yet the male species still is entranced by shiny objects. That's according to G4 network's Kevin Pereira, who believes there is something almost primal about men's desire for technology.

"You can jiggle a pair of shiny keys and we'll go 'Ah!' and pounce like a cat looking at a laser pointer," said Pereira, co-anchor of the cable network's "Attack of the Show" (6 p.m. weekdays), which regularly reviews the shiny gadgets men—and many women—love. "That's the rule for technology for a lot of people—it's just this amazing distraction and we can't enough of it."

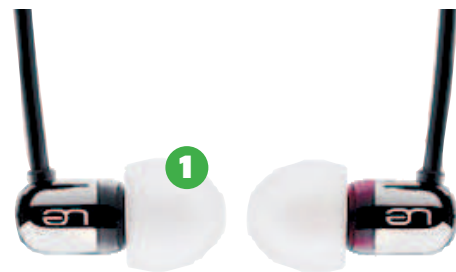
This love for all things tech means that even when a third of the nation's adults say they will spend less this year on gifts than they did last year, according to a Consumer Reports poll on holiday shopping, many still will be getting new gadgets and video games.

A recent holiday survey by the NPD group shows a 20 percent rise in the 18- to 24-year-old demographic saying electronics are the "gift to purchase."

What products are gift essentials for tech-minded guys or gals for this upcoming holiday? RedEye asked Pereira.

MORGAN WEBB and **ADAM SESSLER**, co-hosts of G4 network's "X-Play," help you with the best video game gifts on the next page. →

Picks from G4 network's **KEVIN PEREIRA** on this page are indicated with green dots.



1 FOR THE AUDIOPHILE Ultimate Ears 700

\$229 at ultimateears.com

The earbuds that come with most MP3 players? They're crap, Pereira said, recommending instead the 700 series from Ultimate Ears. These earbuds have separate speakers inside for both low end and high frequency. "So basically, it's like you have a full band in your ear when you listen with them," Pereira said.



2 SMART PHONES FOR SMART GUYS

What used to be a luxury is now a necessity for guys, according to Pereira. "Any 18 to 34-year-old guy that has an ounce of self-respect has a smart phone," he said. "You just can't get away with feature phones anymore that just let you change the ring tone and that's about it," said Pereira.

2 Motorola Droid

\$199 for new customers with two-year contract at phones.verizonwireless.com

Verizon Wireless's answer to the iPhone features an attractive touch-screen that's even larger than the iPhone's, with way more pixels per inch and a 5-megapixel camera with a flash. Best of all, it's got a physical keyboard. It's the best Google phone out there.



3 iPhone 3GS

\$199-16GB; \$299-32GB; both with two-year contract at Apple stores

The 3GS model, which features faster performance and the ability to take better pictures and video, is the newest from the undisputed heavyweight champion of smart phones, Pereira said, and it still performs like a dream. "It's got just about everything you could ever want," he said.



4 FOR THE WELL-READ COMMUTER

Amazon Kindle DX \$489 at amazon.com

The newest of the hot e-Readers features a larger 9.7-inch screen and a rotating display that wasn't included in the original model. But the appeal for Pereira is the convenience. "The power of the Kindle is not necessarily the specs or the screen on the device," he said. "It's the ability to purchase books on demand. That's what makes them so cool."



5 FOR THE VISUALLY MINDED

Sharp Aquos 32-inch LCD TV \$830 at amazon.com

If your guy has waited this long for a quality 1080p HD-TV, now is the time to spring. It's possible to get something like Sharp's Aquos with breathtaking picture quality, especially when watching Blu-Rays, for under a grand.

6 FOR THE BUDGET-MINDED AUTEUR

Kodak Zi8 \$179 at kodak.com

It's easy to mistake it for a cell phone, but this new gadget from Kodak is a HD video camera capable of recording in full 1080p resolution. The best thing besides the size is the sub-\$200 sticker price.

7 FOR THE WIRE HATER

Powermat Wireless Charger \$99 at powermat.com

The downside of having so many gadgets is that guys' bedrooms can be overwhelmed by a mess of tangled wires. The Powermat is nice in that it wirelessly charges up to three devices simultaneously—your iPhone, Nintendo DS, MP3 player, just about anything.



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GAMES FOR ALL

By **Ryan Smith** | FOR REDEYE

To say video games are a popular holiday gift is putting it mildly. Overall, they're No. 1 on the wish list for adults, according to a survey by KRC Research—and the percentage of adults who want them is up 9 points from 2007. And don't think of video games as gifts just for guys; according to the study, 47 percent of respondents plan to buy a game for a female. Morgan Webb and Adam Sessler, co-hosts of G4 network's "X-Play" (5:30 p.m. weekdays) help you to decide on the best video game gifts. Green dots indicate their picks.

1 FOR THE CYBER WARRIOR 'Modern Warfare 2'

\$59 XB360/PS3

The follow-up to "Call of Duty 4" is going to be the hit of the season, Sessler predicts. "They're doing the same kind of campaign and incredibly popular multiplayer and they're adding in a whole new Spec Ops cooperative element," he said.

2 FOR THE ARCHEOLOGIST/ADVENTURER 'Uncharted 2'

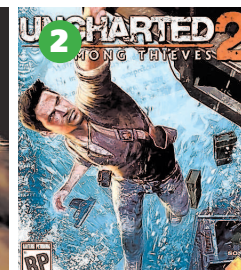
\$59 PS3

Forget the "Tomb Raider" games and even the last two "Indiana Jones" flicks, that's how good "Uncharted 2" is. "It's got this 'Indiana Jones'-type story and amazing production value and really, it's the closest thing you're ever going to get to playing 'Raiders of the Lost Ark,'" said Sessler. "It's one of the best games I've ever played."

3 FOR THE OLD SCHOOL GAMER 'New Super Mario Brothers'

\$49 Wii

Remember a time when a game didn't need super realistic, flashy 3D-graphics to be great? Nintendo does, and its newest Mario Brothers title feels a lot like the classic '80s version. "It's maybe not the type of game you'd probably play now, but hey, it's Mario," Webb said. "You ... play it and get those warm and fuzzy feelings of playing them as a kid. That nostalgia factor is definitely worth something."



4 FOR THE POP STAR WANNABE 'Band Hero'

\$199 PS3/XB360/Wii

OK, it's not as cool as its "Guitar Hero" older brother, but "Band Hero" still rocks. It's got a soundtrack that features more pop and classic rock, a refreshing break from the hard rock-in' Metallicas and the AC/DCs of other music games.

5 FOR THE SPORTS FREAK 'Wii Sports Resort'

\$49 Wii

It's hard to find anyone who didn't like the sports game pack-in with the Wii. Well, the second edition of the best-selling game of all time has even more to love—including table tennis, Frisbee, basketball, archery, wakeboarding, even fencing.

6 FOR THE HISTORY BUFF 'Assassin's Creed 2'

\$59.99 XB360/PS3

It might be the only video game ever to have taken place in Renaissance Italy, but don't expect a dry history lesson. "Assassin's Creed 2" is a hardcore action game with stealth elements that allow players to sneak around the streets of Venice and attempt to assassinate political enemies.

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BLACK FRIDAY BLOWOUT

Skip big-box stores in favor of these smaller shops on this huge shopping day

By Lisa Arnett | METROMIX

Admit it: It's no fun waiting in line at 5 a.m. Friday at Best Buy to get that doorbuster video camera that inevitably sells out in 30 seconds. Instead, get your Black Friday shopping fix at these local boutiques, where you'll find the merch more unique and the opening times much kinder. All hours are for Friday. **LISA ARNETT IS THE**

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WICKER PARK & WEST TOWN



Anastasia Chatzka

1740 W. Division St. 586-610-4096

Stock up for holiday party season with \$35 headbands and no tax from 9-11 a.m. and 25 percent off all dresses, blouses and skirts from 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

2 Dovetail

1452 W. Chicago Ave.
312-243-3100

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., get 20 percent off furniture and men's and women's vintage clothing and accessories. Bonus: Complimentary mimosas for shoppers of age.

Serpico

1514 N. Ashland Ave. 773-252-5940

Celebrate the store's first birthday from 1-6 p.m. with 50 percent discounts on all women's clothing by hometown designer Melissa Serpico Kamhout. Half of the proceeds from \$50 Serpico T-shirts benefit Cambodian orphanage Hands on Helping.

Habit

1951 W. Division St. 773-342-0093

This fledgling, designer-focused boutique picks up the tax from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on finds such as sterling silver jewelry, winter hats and offbeat silk-screened neckties.



3 Le Dress

1741 W. Division St. 773-697-9899

Arrive early for the steepest discounts at this dress-centric shop, including 40 percent discounts from 10 a.m.-noon, 30 percent from noon-4 p.m. and 20 percent from 4 p.m. to close. Bonus: Score a free \$25 card for every \$100 gift card purchased.

BUCKTOWN



1 Riley

1659 N. Damen Ave.
773-489-0101

Buy a men's button-down shirt and score 20 percent off any pair of men's jeans.

1 Vive la Femme

2048 N. Damen Ave.
773-772-7429

From 11 a.m.-7 p.m. this chic boutique for plus-sized ladies slices \$25 off your bill for non-sale items totaling \$100 or more.

Clever Alice

1920 N. Damen Ave. 773-276-2444 and Crorell & Co., 1922 N. Damen Ave. 773-252-9010

Drop \$100 at either one of these stores and score a \$20 gift certificate for the other. Bonus: A basic black bamboo-fiber cardigan by Clever Alice's house label costs \$65 instead of \$100. From 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

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4 Zola Jones
1944 W. Montrose Ave.,
773-848-3257

Sip mimosas from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and pop a balloon to reveal a discount coupon of \$5-\$50 for handmade handbags and other wares.

Fix
1101 W. Fulton Market,
312-226-4565

Buy the last remaining piece of any accessory line or the last article of a clothing style and take 20 percent off from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

M2
3527 N. Southport Ave.
773-248-9866 and M4 Men,
3525 N. Southport Ave.
773-698-6407

Shop at this accessory haven and its new mens-only sibling from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and find 20 percent off black bags and accessories.



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5 House of Sole
1237 S. Michigan Ave. 312-834-0909

Shop select shoes and boots 50 percent off from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., plus take an extra 20 percent of clearance shoes (flip flops not included) and 50 percent off select jewelry.



ROSCOE VILLAGE



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6 The Denim Lounge
2004 W. Roscoe St.
773-935-2820

Snag select jeans (brands include True Religion, AG, Joe's and J Brand) for \$39 from 10 a.m.-noon here and at the Gold Coast location, 43 E. Oak St.

A Pled
2037 W. Roscoe St.
773-281-2210
Take home a free scarf from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. when you buy any full-price pair of shoes or boots.

Fixture
2108 W. Roscoe St.
773-244-3100
If your halls need decking, shop from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. for ornaments and holiday decor at 20 percent off. Bonus: Free gift wrapping.

LINCOLN PARK

7 Erin Gallagher
2034 N. Halsted St., 312-492-7548

Check out this local jewelry designer's new Lincoln Park digs from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and take a whopping 40 percent off all jewelry in the store.



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8 The Poison Cup
1128 W. Armitage Ave. 773-935-1325

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FRU GAL

By Joanna Gustafson | FOR REDEYE

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1710 N. Damen Ave.



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6 Lemon and Whiskey Quartz Earrings
\$86 at Material Possessions,
704 N. Wabash Ave.



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7 Winifred Grace Bracelet
\$130 at P45, 1643 N. Damen Ave.

8 House of Harlow Tiger's Eye Ring
\$56 at Cusp, Water Tower Place



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FOR THE LITTLE LADIES

9 Baby Cupcake Dress
\$42 at Psycho Baby,
1630 N. Damen

10 Girls Little Ella "Marlo" Leopard Dress
\$57 at Bloomingdale's

1 Akira Embellished Skirt
\$22 at Akira, 1837 W. North Ave.

4 Grace Sun Split V Dress
\$325 at Jake, 939 Rush St.

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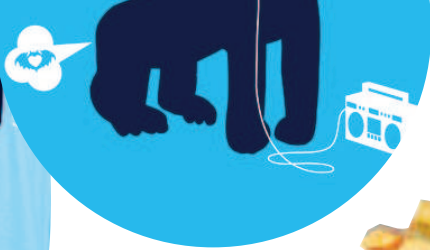
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PAMPER YOUR MAN



FRU GAL

By Joanna Gustafson | FOR REDEYE
The holidays are headed your way, whether you're ready or not. Help the men you love update their wardrobes this holiday season with these gift ideas.

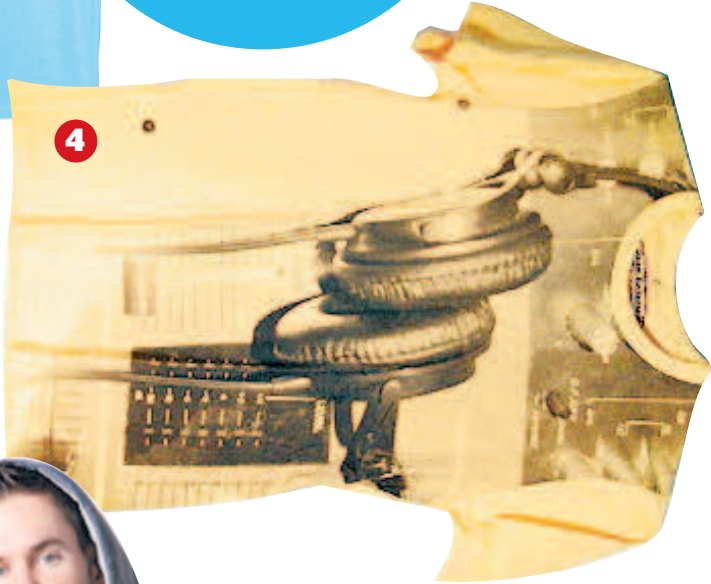
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5 French Connection Security Stripe Sweater
\$118 at Akira, 1837 W. North Ave.



6 Nobis "Steve" Hat
\$47 at p+L, 2956 N. Clark St.

7 Nixon 51-30 Watch
\$450 at Barney's Co-Op



8 Boy's Funky Junque Plaid Scarf
\$25 at Madison and Friends, 43 E. Oak St.



9 Baby Mini Fine Screenprint Layer T
\$26 at Nordstrom



10 Brooklyn Industries Aspen Short Puffer
\$178 at Brooklyn Industries, 1426 N. Milwaukee

iGIFTS FOR EVERYONE



By **Scott Kleinberg** | REDEYE

What's better than an iPhone as a holiday gift? All the shiny things that go with it. Make someone's holiday dreams come true with one of these suggestions. **WANT EVEN**

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1 Dots Gloves \$15-\$25 at dotsgloves.com

When it gets cold and you've got to wear gloves, you lose precious iPhone time. But you won't be able to activate the touchscreen with most regular gloves. Available in three varieties, Dot gloves let you do that. You have to try them to believe them. Don't settle for those gloves with the holes at the top of your fingers—you can be warm and connected at the same time.

2 MoGo Talk Bluetooth headset \$129.95 at mogotalk.com

The problem with Bluetooth headsets is that they're either too big or sound terrible. Not MoGo Talk—it's the world's first integrated wireless headset for the iPhone 3GS or iPhone 3G. The headset folds flat and snaps in and out of its protective case which fits seamlessly on the back of an iPhone. An Apple Store exclusive, it's available both online and at retail locations.

3 Bose Mobile in-ear headset \$129.95 at bose.com

If I can give you one piece of advice, it's this: Never skimp on headphones. You'll need to pay a little more to get that rich quality sound you want. The Bose Mobile in-ear headset sounds like you paid hundreds of dollars more than its price. And you can switch seamlessly between your music or podcasts and your phone calls.



4 'Rock Band' for iPhone \$9.99 at apple.com/itunes

They'll play for months. It's everything you love about "Rock Band" on the iPhone. It looks great, sounds great and it's just fun. Through the in-app purchasing system, you can add new music from right inside the app. Play solo or with two to four people directly over Bluetooth. Try doing that in the garage.

5 Apple World Travel Adapter Kit \$39 at store.apple.com

Know someone who globetrots with an iPhone? Buy them this kit. Designed to work with iPod, iPhone, Apple MagSafe Power Adapters, Portable Power Adapters and AirPort Express, it includes a USB power adapter, a USB cable and a set of six AC plugs with prongs that fit electrical outlets around the world.

6 Mophie Juice Pack \$99.95 at mophie.com

Hello, extra battery! Although it will make your iPhone thicker, the benefit outweighs the bulk—Mophie's Juice Pack is designed to more than double the charge on your iPhone 3G or 3GS. Use it as a case all the time or just when your iPhone needs an extra boost. Plus, the integrated LED indicator tells you exactly how much juice is left in your pack.

7 iLuv IMM183 dual alarm clock radio with weather alert \$149.99 at l-luv.com

iLuv gives you a lot for \$150—two alarms, the ability to charge two iPhones (or one iPhone and an iPod or two iPods) and localized weather warnings that scroll right on the display. Now you'll know when your favorite song comes on and when snow is on the way. Oh, and it sounds pretty good too. Available at many online retailers.

8 Xtand for iPhone about \$31-\$40 at xtand.net

One of the coolest stands I've ever seen for an iPhone, Xtand reminds me of the look of an Apple LCD display. It holds the iPhone 3G and 3GS vertically or horizontally and rotates 360 degrees. Plus it has cable management and non-slip feet. Perfect for the office, where there are plenty of co-workers around to drool and stare.

9 iTunes gift card \$15-\$100 at apple.com/itunes

The great thing about iTunes gift cards is their versatility. You can buy songs, albums, audiobooks, apps, TV shows, movies—whatever you want and in any combination. It's like handing someone you love a blank slate to draw on however he or she sees fit.

10 PowerJolt for iPhone \$19.95 at griffintechology.com/products/powerjoltiphone

PowerJolt does one thing and does it well: It lets you charge your iPhone in the car. It features a detachable USB to 30-pin cable for iPod and iPhone and has an amber/green charging status light. Never get stranded without juice again.

11 iPhone Smart Case from Waterfield Designs \$35 and \$44 at sfbags.com

The little Waterfield company in San Francisco delivers big when it comes to the iPhone. Take the Smart Case. It's less than one inch thin and comes with a low-profile pocket that can hold your ear buds or credit cards. There are three varieties: one that easily slips into your jeans pocket, another has flaps that flip over your shoulder strap and the other clips onto your belt.



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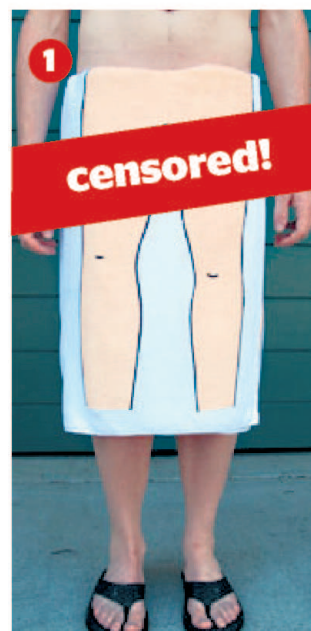
By Curt Wagner | REDEYE

Sure, you can get your couch potato a DVD set of his or her favorite TV shows, or the soundtrack ("Glee"!), but why not go beyond the obvious? The TV networks have set up shops with all kinds of fun gift ideas related to their shows. Here are a few.

1 [Bleep] towel

\$19.95 at foxshop.com

If you watch FX's "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," you know all about this "enhanced" towel that Mac and Dennis tried to sell on a recent episode. We can't show you all three looks provided by the one towel, but you can imagine the fun you're missing. "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia: A Very Sunny Christmas" is \$18 at foxshop.com.



2 Frak T-shirt and mug set

\$30 at nbcuniversalstore.com

Let this "Battlestar Galactica" mug say what you feel every Monday morning at work. And the T-shirt can speak for you everywhere else.



3 Dead Fred Pen Holder

\$14 at cbs.com

"CSI" fans and office pals feeling a little stress are sure to love Dead Fred. You can take it all out on Fred by stabbing him repeatedly—which also keeps you pen where you can find it. Morbid and usefull



4 "The Office" Clue game

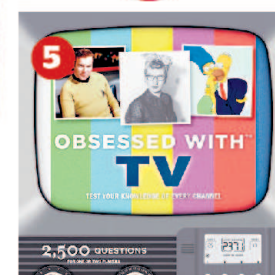
\$34.95 at nbcstore.com

Fans of "The Office" can test their patience for Michael's "team building" with this board game. Each "employee" must solve Toby's murder, figuring out the weapon used and where it happened on the Dunder-Mifflin grounds. NBC might have the best TV-show themed gifts of any network, so take a look.

5 "Obsessed with TV"

\$19.77 at amazon.com;
\$29.95 suggested retail in book stores

The TV tome is a fun one, offering tons of TV trivia in the form of an interactive quiz. The built-in electronic quiz master you to answer one of 2,500 questions, then you press A, B, C or D and it keeps score. P.S. I aced it!



6 Sookie Stackhouse boxed set by Charlaine Harris

\$36.97 at amazon.com

"True Blood" fans can keep track of how Alan Ball doesn't follow exactly Charlaine Harris' books as he adapts them for his hit HBO series. We'll probably never see the Elvis vampire who eats cats on TV.

NERD-TASTIC IDEAS



GEEK TO ME

By Elliott Serrano | FOR REDEYE

Does the geek in your life have you stumped this holiday season? It can be difficult to find a gift for him or her—who can afford round-trip tickets to Gotham City? And where is it, anyway? Here are some nerdtastic gift ideas that are sure to please the fanboy or fangirl you love. ELLIOTT SERRANO IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

1 'Star Wars' Lightsaber Chopsticks

\$19.99 at shop.starwars.com

You'll show everyone you've got the Force with you when you pull these lightsaber-style chopsticks out at your favorite dim sum restaurant. Set comes in two sizes, "Vader" at 9 inches and "Yoda" at 7 inches.



2 'Battlestar Galactica' LED Toaster

\$62.99 at nbcuniversalstudios.com

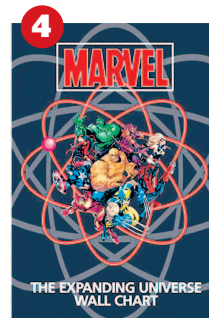
Whether you're a colonial viper pilot or a Cylon sympathizer, any "BSG" fan will agree that this toaster is frakkin' cool! This limited-edition kitchen appliance toasts bread "by your command."



3 Electronic Rock Guitar Shirt

\$29.99 at thinkgeek.com

Yes, it's more than just a T-shirt, it's also a playable instrument with a built-in amp! Let the other posers and emos wear their lame rock band shirts. You'll be rocking out like a guitar god!



GIFTS FOR COMIC BOOK FANS

4 "Marvel: The Expanding Universe Wall Chart"

\$45 at shop.marvel.com

It's the ultimate family tree of the Marvel Universe, tracing the origins of one of the most colorful characters in comics. The "book" folds out into a 3-foot wide wall chart!

5 "DC Vault—A Museum in a Book"

\$49.95 at amazon.com

For the comic fan who prefers Dark Knights and Kryptonians, this treasure trove of memorabilia and replica artifacts will please DC fanboys and fangirls alike.



6 Zombie Shooting Gallery

\$34.99 at thinkgeek.com

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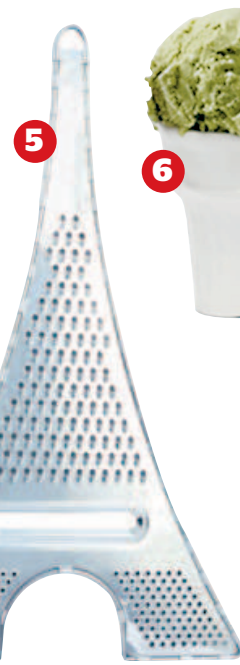
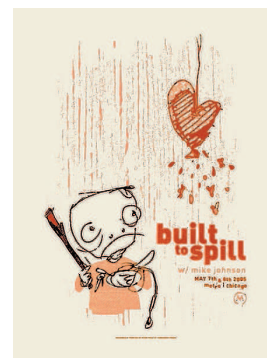
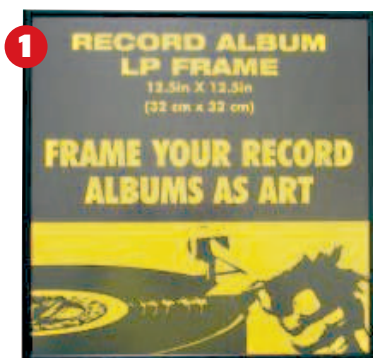


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SPICE UP THE HOME

Gifts for the home always go over well at the holidays. Here are some ideas to dress up your recipient's kitchen, bathroom, bedroom or living room.

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1 Vinyl album frames

\$15.99, insound.com (search for "Vinyl Record Frame")

For years, people have been adorning walls with classics, but we're not talking Magritte's "The Son of Man." No, to the music lover, that means "Abbey Road" or "Quadrophenia." If someone's got some iconic vinyl lying around, help them treat the record with the respect it deserves with a hanging wall frame.

4 Fisticup Brass Knuckle Ring Mug

\$18 at fredflare.com

Show that Monday morning who's boss with a mug than can knock it out. Fred Flare is the THE place to go for fun gifts you can't seem to hunt down anywhere else. This definitely different mug will be the buzz around the coffee machine at work.

5 Pylones Eiffel Tower Grater

\$30 at Art Effects, 934 W. Armitage Ave.

Few things make you feel more like you're in Paris than cheese, bread and a glass of wine. Unless, of course, you grated that block of brie with Pylones' Eiffel Tower-shaped grater. Perfect for your foodie or globe-trotting pal.

6 Ice Cream Cone

\$20 at Grasshopper 510, 1944 N. Damen Ave.

Mmmm, ice cream. The sustainable porcelain cones, made in an eco-friendly workspace, are deliciously unique. They can be used as a dish or as artwork. Plus, the giftee doesn't have to be as eco-minded as you to appreciate them.

2 Music posters

At Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., or metrochicago.com/store; americanposterinstitute.com

Give someone's living room instant cred with the rock-concert poster. The Metro's shop has a good selection from only Metro gigs, or check out the American Poster Institute, which curates the Flatstock event at the Pitchfork Music Festival.

3 Ceramic Urchin Box

\$30 at Jayson Home and Garden, 1885 N. Clybourn Ave.

A sleek and chic box made of glazed ceramic sea urchins will look right at home on a bathroom countertop. Friends can use it as a more exciting way to store their mundane items such as Q-tips, cotton balls or Band-Aids.

7 Jonathan Adler Dolls Canister

\$28 at Jonathan Adler, 676 N. Wabash Ave.

Looking for a cheeky gift to liven up a friend's new condo? Jonathan Adler, king of the "happy home," has made a career out of whimsical pottery, colorful stitched pillows and cheerful artwork. "Valley of the Dolls" fans will be drawn to this dolls pill canister as a fun way to store their Tylenol.

8 CanvasPop

Starting at \$35 at canvaspop.com

Really having trouble coming up with a gift? CanvasPop makes it easy. They'll take a favorite vacation or party snap you shot and transform it into a beautiful wall hanging. Even photos shot with your phone will work. You just pick the size you want the art to be, and you can even break down images into multiple panels.

GIVE GREEN



PRACTICALLY GREEN

By Supriya Doshi | REDEYE

You've done the Sigg water bottle thing, gifted your fair share of reusable bags and hemp products don't go over well with your friends. Don't worry—there are

plenty of eco-friendly gift options out there for holiday giving. And you don't have to go far for them either. SDOSHI@TRIBUNE.COM

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Been there, done that with gifting body products? Trust me, Abbey Brown's products are on another level. The olive oil soaps are especially amazing, made with olive oil, plant oils, fresh herbs—but no chemicals. Plus, all products are made in-house.

The gift of you!

You don't need to put something in gift wrap. Rather than adding to your friends' junk collection, why not take them out to dinner or plan a fun event? It's personal, practical and eco-friendly!

**1 Etched bracelet**

\$15 at The Fair Trader, 1623 E. 55th St., 773-966-5269

This Hyde Park store carries everything from art to home decor and linens—and features fair trade suppliers. The wide bracelet is one of many gorgeous gift ideas.

2 Contigo Autoseal Stainless Steel Mug

\$20 at Whole Foods, Walgreens, Costco

Lighten your coffee-lover's carbon footprint with this travel mug, which is spill- and leak-proof and can keep beverages hot for four hours and cold for 12 hours.

3 'Farmer John's Cookbook'

\$29.95 at Grasshopper 510, 1944 N. Damen Ave., 773-292-0510

Cookbooks don't get more local than this. Written by John Peterson and Angelic Organics, the book is filled with recipes from one of Chicago's most popular CSAs. And it's printed on recycled paper.

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If you've got a foodie in your life, give a gift of farm-raised meat and eggs, shares of which are delivered monthly or bi-monthly to spots around Chicago. Then invite yourself over to dinner.

4 Organic Cotton Onesie

\$18 at Greenheart Shop, greenheartshop.org

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- **Old Dogs** (PG) 11:15,1:30,3:40,5:50,8:00,10:20
- **Fantastic Fox** (PG) 10:30,12:40,2:50,5:00,7:20,9:30
- **Ninja Assassin** (R) 11:00,12:00,1:20,2:20,3:40,4:40,6:00,7:00,8:20,9:20,10:45
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- **Twilight: Moon** (PG-13) 11:10,1:00,2:10,4:00,5:10,7:00,8:30,10:15
- **AMC Select Precious: Novel** (R) 11:30,12:30,2:00,3:05,4:30,5:35,7:05,8:10,9:40,10:40
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 10:50,12:05,1:35,3:00,4:20,5:45,7:15,8:40,10:00
- **2012** (PG-13) 10:30,12:15,1:50,3:45,5:15,7:10,8:45,10:30
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- **Cloudy-Mtballs** (PG) 2:00,4:05,6:10,8:20
- **Zombieland** (R) 2:00,4:00,6:05,8:10

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- **The Messenger** (R) 5:00,7:20,9:40
- **La Danse** (NR) 5:30,8:30

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- **Inglourious** (R) 3:30,10:20
- **The Road** (R) 11:30,2:00,4:30,7:00,9:30
- **AMC Select Boondock II** (R) 11:40,2:20,5:00,7:45,10:25
- **AMC Select Good Hair** (PG-13) 11:00,1:10,3:00,5:20,7:30,9:45
- **The Godfather** (R) 11:50,6:45

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- **Old Dogs** (PG) 10:20,11:20,12:50,1:50,3:30,4:30,6:10,7:10,8:50,9:50,11:40
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- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 10:25,11:25,1:30,2:30,4:40,5:40,7:40,8:40,10:45,11:45
- **AMC Select Bad Lieutenant** (R) 10:35,1:25,4:45,7:55,10:50
- **2012** (PG-13) 10:10,12:00,3:40,4:15,7:30,10:30,11:20
- **AMC Select Pirate Radio** (R) 10:15,4:00,10:10
- **AMC Select Boondock II** (R) 1:15,7:00
- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) ★ 11:35,2:15,4:50,7:20,10:00
- **Men Who Stare** (R) 11:05,4:35,7:15,9:45
- **Michael Jackson** (PG) 1:35 P.M.
- **Paranormal Act** (R) 11:55 P.M.
- **AMC Select An Education** (PG-13) 11:30,2:05,4:55,7:35,10:15

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
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- **Fantastic Fox** (PG) ★ 9:45,12:15,2:45,5:15,7:45,10:10
- **Ninja Assassin** (R) ★ 11:40,12:20,2:10,2:50,4:45,5:20,7:20,8:10,9:55,10:45
- **Old Dogs** (PG) ★ 10:50,12:10,1:40,2:30,4:20,5:10,7:10,7:50,9:20,10:20
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) ★ 10:15,12:40,1:20,3:40,4:40,6:50,7:40,9:40,10:35
- **Planet 51** (PG) ★ 11:30,1:50,4:15,6:45,9:15
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- **2012** (PG-13) ★ 11:15,1:10,2:40,4:50,6:20,8:20,9:50
- **Boondock II** (R) ★ 11:20,5:30,10:40
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- **Men Who Stare** (R) 2:20,8:15
- **Precious: Novel** (R) 9:50,12:50,3:50,7:15,9:45

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

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- **Old Dogs** (PG) ★ 11:20,12:20,1:50,2:50,4:20,5:20,6:50,7:50,9:20,10:20
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) ★ 10:15,12:15,1:15,3:15,4:15,6:15,7:15,9:15,10:15
- **Twilight: Moon** (PG-13) ★ 10:00,10:30,12:30,1:00,1:30,3:30,4:00,4:30,6:30,7:00,7:30,9:30,10:00,10:30
- **2012** (PG-13) ★ 11:30,3:00,6:45,10:10
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- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) ★ 11:15,1:40,4:10,6:40,9:10
- **Men Who Stare** (R) 10:40,1:10,3:50,6:20,9:00
- **Where the Wild** (PG) 10:20,1:20

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

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- **Ninja Assassin** (R) ★ 10:10,11:20,12:30,1:50,3:45,4:40,6:15,7:15,9:00,9:50
- **Old Dogs** (PG) ★ 9:45,12:20,2:50,5:10,7:40,9:55
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) ★ 9:50,12:20,1:10,3:20,4:10,6:20,7:20,9:40,10:20
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- **Twilight: Moon** (PG-13) ★ 10:00,10:30,11:00,12:30,1:00,1:30,2:00,3:30,4:00,4:30,5:00,6:30,7:00,7:30,8:00,9:30,10:00,10:30
- **2012** (PG-13) ★ 11:30,3:00,6:40,10:10
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- **Precious: Novel** (R) 11:40,1:20,2:20,4:15,5:15,7:15,7:50,9:50,10:40

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak
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- **Ninja Assassin** (R) ★ 11:50,2:40,5:20,6:20,7:50,9:00,10:20
- **Old Dogs** (PG) ★ 9:50,10:40,12:20,1:20,2:50,3:50,5:10,6:10,7:40,8:50,10:15
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) ★ 10:10,12:10,1:10,3:10,4:10,7:10,10:25
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- **2012** (PG-13) ★ 11:30,12:15,3:00,3:40,6:40,7:15,10:10,10:40
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- **Precious: Novel** (R) 11:10,1:50,4:40,7:20,9:55

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- **Twilight: Moon** (PG-13) ★ 4:30,7:15,10:00
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) ★ 4:20,7:00,9:40
- **Precious: Novel** (R) ★ 4:25,6:50,9:15
- **2012** (PG-13) ★ 6:30,9:45
- **Pirate Radio** (R) ★ 5:00,7:30,10:00
- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) 4:30,6:45,9:00
- **Fantastic Fox** (PG) ★ 5:15,7:20,9:25

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- **Bad Lieutenant** (R) ★ 1:35,4:25,7:20
- **Ninja Assassin** (R) ★ 12:20,3:00,5:35,8:00,10:30
- **Old Dogs** (PG) ★ 11:05,12:15,1:25,2:35,3:50,4:55,6:10,7:15,8:25,9:35,10:45
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- **C'mas Carol 3D** (PG) 12:25,2:50,5:25,7:50,10:15
- **An Education** (PG-13) 12:45,10:10
- **Pirate Radio** (R) ★ 1:10 P.M.
- **Precious: Novel** (R) 11:50,2:50,4:20,5:30,7:00,8:10,9:40,10:50

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UNIQUE GIFTS FOR MUSIC FANS

By Kent Green | FOR REDEYE

An iPod—or a Zune, for the trend-challenged—has become the gift du jour for music lovers. And, as any good music lover knows, if everyone has it, it can't be that great. Yeah, you could get an iTunes gift card for the music lover on your list, but where's the fun? Here are some creative gift options that'll make the most jaded fan go "whoa." Plus, seriously, they've already got an iPod. **KENT GREEN IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR**

1 ER-20 Universal Earplug \$12 a pair, Sensaphonics.com

Concerts leave people with a sense of euphoria and a sweat-marred complexion. They also leave a ringing in the ear that, over time, may lead to serious damage. Sure, there are those disposable foam orange earplugs, but for the disconcerting concertgoer, pick up the ER-20 Universal Earplug from Chicago's own Sensaphonics. They're designed to cut noise levels to around 20 decibels while preserving music clarity.



2 Pandora Free at pandora.com/station_gift

Here's a way to reimagine the worn-out mixtape and save yourself some money. Internet radio station Pandora has a free and easy feature that allows you to make a station for a friend: Plug in five artists or songs to create what you think will be an ideal sound, slap a custom design on it and then add a personal message. They'll get a notice in their e-mail, and later will no doubt praise your impeccable (right?) taste when it helps carry them through the workday.



3 Merkury Innovations DJ Mixer for iPod \$99.99 at RadioShack locations

Some professional DJs worry about technology such as iPod mixers and DJ programs diluting their art. It's a valid concern, but not at the forefront of anyone's mind at a jumpin' party. There are several pricey rigs that can make someone with two iPods look like a legitimate DJ, but DJ Mixer offers a lot without busting the bank. It has multiple sound effects, a crossfader and a wheel that simulates scratching.



4 Concert ticket album \$9 to \$15 at amazon.com or thatsmyticket.com

Most concert ticket retailers offer print-at-home ticket service, which has taken the fun out of the practice of saving ticket stubs. But holdouts who forego convenience and still stubbornly order hard tickets will love having an album to display them in. It's a great way to help preserve memories of nights that in large measure involved blackouts.



5 "It Might Get Loud" \$27.96 at Rolling Stone Records, 7300 W. Irving Park, 708-456-8061 or rollingstonesmusic.com

If you're up for some last-minute shopping, pick up "It Might Get Loud" when it drops Dec. 22. The documentary featuring Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page, U2's Edge and the White Stripes' Jack White will be a must for anyone who's ever thrown a lighter into the air come a wicked solo.

6 33 1/3 Books \$9.99 at Reckless Records locations or reckless.com

Know someone who will stay up late debating the meaning of a single lyric? Then check out 33 1/3 Books, published by Continuum International. Each pocket-sized tome—there are more than 60—goes in-depth into exploring a canonical work, such as Radiohead's "OK Computer," Dylan's "Highway 61 Revisited," or, um, "ABBA's Greatest Hits."





FOR THE SPORTS FAN

By Ryan Smith | FOR REDEYE

The sporty person in your life already has everything—a team jersey, some equipment, maybe even a phone shaped like Brian Urlacher. Don't give up on shopping yet. There are still plenty of sports-related goods out there you probably haven't even thought of.

2 Chicago Cubs Keg-A-Cue

\$110 at wrigleyvillesports.com

A product that combines the Cubs, beer kegs and grilled meats? Yep, and to top it all off, this cleverly designed charcoal grill holds 12 to 14 burgers.

3 NCAA Team Scoreboard Wall Clocks

\$99 at brookstone.com

Score! These cool-looking clocks display the time, date and temperature and make you feel like you're at the big game without all the pressure of having to sink the last second shot at the buzzer.

1 Fiki Tabletop Football—Chicago Bears

\$10 at fikisports.com

As a kid you played tabletop football by finger-flicking a piece of paper folded into a triangle through the "goal posts" of your friend's index fingers. This is a fancy version of that game, with leather triangles and a mini-plastic goal posts. It's still loads of fun.

4 Chicago Cubs Dangle Earrings

\$15 at wrigleyvillesports.com

These earrings are part of Alyssa Milano's sports-themed "Touch" collection and feature a stainless-steel look with bows and a Cubs logo at the bottom.

5 Nirve Brookhurst Road Bike

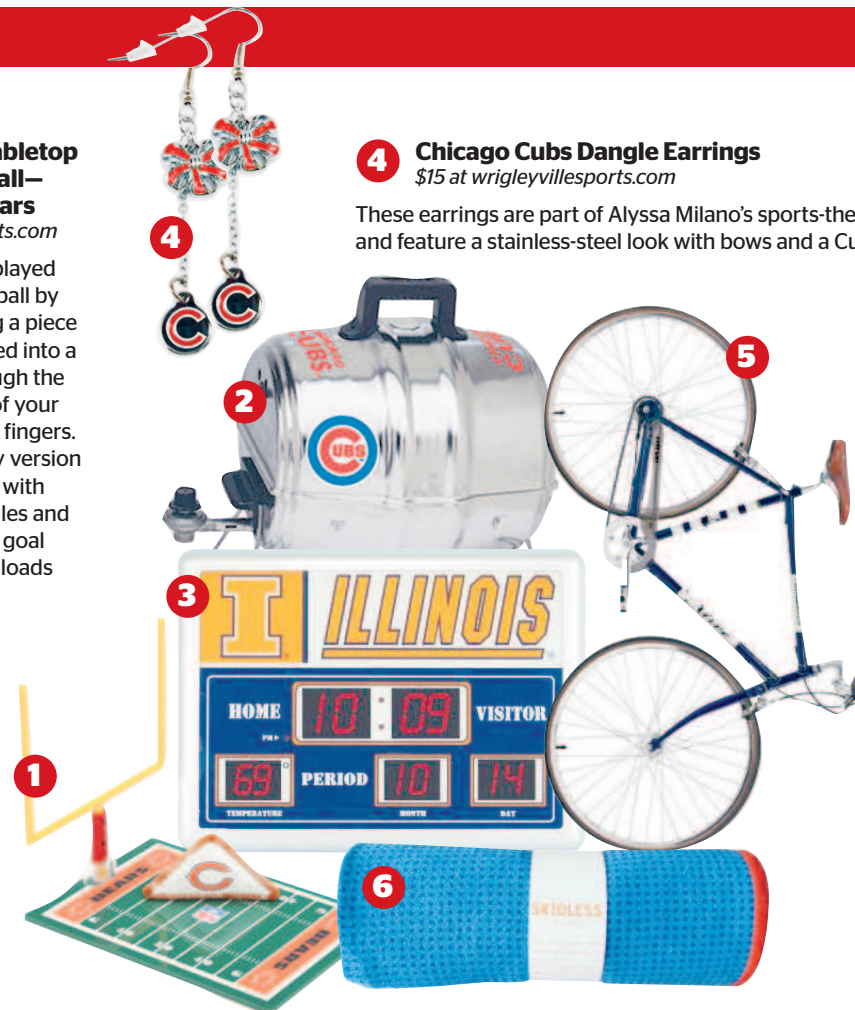
\$750 at amazon.com

Bike commuting is popular in the city and this sleek, European-style, seven-speed road bike is a good way to do it. It looks stylish, rides smooth and feels good riding down the streets of Chicago.

6 Yogitoes Skidless Mat Towels

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KEEP COZY, FEEL BEAUTIFUL

By Ariel Alexovich | REDEYE

From creamy egg nog to sugar cookies on every counter—the holidays are the time to indulge. And there's no better way to indulge the special women in your life than by giving them a bath-time sanctuary that will make them feel beautiful. The Scrooges among us might grumble “no one needs a special makeup brush set” and “no one needs to soak in a bubbly bathtub that smells like oranges.” I disagree. That's the point of the holidays, to build up enough cozy feelings to last through the winter. Here are few ideas for spoiling your female friends and family.

1 Lush gift packs

From ... with Love, \$59.95; Satsumo Santa, \$5.99; both at Lush stores

Everyone knows the best kind of hat box is filled with oh-so-yummy-smelling Lush products, not an actual hat. Lush has several holiday-themed packages in several price ranges (\$13.95-\$99.95), all wrapped up in cheerful boxes. If you really want to impress someone, try the Russian doll-inspired From ... with Love collection, housed in a hat box and including Honey Trap lip balm, Snow Fairy shower gel, Snow Showers solid perfume, Sugar Babe sugar scrub, Father Frost handmade soap and Up You Gets shower bomb. The inexpensive Satsumo Santa-shaped bath bomb makes a great stocking stuffer or white elephant gift. Drop Santa into the tub and wait for the citrusy smells of mandarin, bergamot and orange blossom oils to waft up.



3 Philosophy Unconditional Love

\$50 at Sephora, Macy's or philosophy.com

The presents are unwrapped, a big holiday meal is digesting in your tummy—you already feel blissed out, why don't you smell blissed out? Give someone Unconditional Love, and the trio of soft-scented body butter, shower gel and spray fragrance will wrap them up in a big cloud of sweet and fruity hugs and happiness.

2 Lorac Silver Screen Palette

\$30 at Ulta stores

Channel your inner Grace Kelly or Ava Gardner with the Silver Screen Palette from red carpet masters Lorac. The silver croc-skin compact houses all you need to inject some serious drama into your look. There are eight eye shadows (four warm shades, four cool), two blushes, a lip gloss, plus the essential tools. Light and elegant, the square makeup kit would fit even in a small purse—perfect for touchups at a New Year's Eve gala.



4 EcoTools by Alicia Silverstone 5-piece brush set and bag

\$14.99 at Target

Check off that eco-gal on your list by buying a makeup brush gift set designed by the oh-so vegan actress Alicia Silverstone. Your friend will love the pretty floral design of the cosmetics bag even more when she realizes it's made of all-natural hemp and non-toxic inks. The brush set includes the limited-edition brow groomer, angled eye shadow brush, feathery finishing brush and blush brush—perfect for applying those loose powder mineral foundations. The gift set looks a lot more expensive than it is, proving you don't have to spend a lot of green to be green.





6 Bath & Body works products

- » Twilight Woods eau de toilette, \$29.50
- » Twilight Woods bubble bath, \$12
- » Twilight Woods limited edition foaming shower mousse, \$14
- » Japanese Cherry Blossom body lotion, \$10.50

All at Bath & Body Works stores

Love it or hate it, you know some well-intentioned auntie of yours will give you a basket full of Bath & Body Works items for Christmas. If you can, steer her past the Plumeria to the new Twilight Woods signature collection (Robert Pattinson not included). An eau de toilette, bubble bath, shower mousse, done. For a stocking stuffer, try the Japanese Cherry Blossom body lotion, an Allure magazine top pick.

7 Urban Decay cosmetics

- » Urban Decay Apocalyptic Nail Kit, \$26
- » Urban Decay Show Pony Shadow Box, \$30
- » Urban Decay Smoke Out Kit, \$34

At Sephora or urbandecay.com

Edgy, punk Urban Decay lives for the smoky eye. The cosmetics line's Smoke Out Kit comes with all the tools, products and instructions you need to get that dark Taylor Momsen look—or add in one of the bright Show Pony Shadow Box colors to really wow. Give your nails the VIP treatment with the Apocalyptic Nail Kit, home to seven mini-bottles of old favorites such as Fbomb and Big Bang, and new shades such as Gunmetal. Bonus: All the kits come in the artsy packaging Urban Decay does best.



5 Glory for Girls Basics

\$42 at PB Teen,
2111 N. Clybourn Ave.,
or gloryforgirls.com

A starter kit for this new, all-natural skin care line would make a great gift for your teenage sis—or any of your friends who like no fuss (and no breakouts) when it comes to what they slather on their face. This package comes with Glory's everyday face and body lotion, body wash and SPF 17 sunscreen. Loaded with natural ingredients such as camomile, vitamin E and shea butter, Glory's products are biodegradable and made in the U.S. Glorious.



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